



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

# NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

## CELEBRATING CHANGE, COMMUNITY, AND CHRISTMAS CHEER!

### GCF's Leadership Transition Announcement

We're thrilled to announce a new chapter for Give a Child a Family Africa. As of 1 November 2024, Steven Wetton has been appointed as Executive Director Designate and will officially take on the role of Executive Director on 1 May 2025.

Steven will work closely with Monica Woodhouse, who will focus on advocacy, networking, and fundraising after 32 years of leading GCF. Steven's extensive experience and passion for families make him the perfect leader for this next season of growth.

Thank you for your support during this transition—together, we'll continue strengthening families and communities.



### Join Us for the Final Policy Brief Roundtable Discussion

The Eastern Cape Policy Brief Discussion in East London on Eliminating Institutional Care on 31 October was a powerful and insightful event. We heard from expert speakers, including Mandisa Ratya (Ubuhlebethu), Lourenza Foghill (Hope and Homes for Children SA), Prof. Ndangwa Noyoo (SAPDN), and Monica Woodhouse. A young man's moving story highlighted the impact of institutional and foster care, inspiring many.

Don't miss the final Policy Brief Roundtable Discussion in Cape Town on 4 December at the Blaauwberg Beach Hotel. To attend in person or online, please complete the registration form or contact Roelien Morrison at [roelien@gcf.org.za](mailto:roelien@gcf.org.za) or 039 317 2761. Register [here](#).

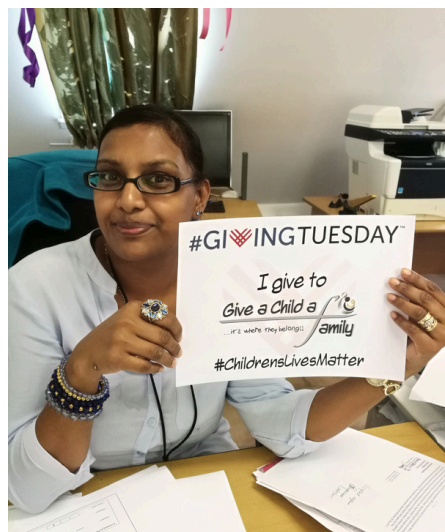
We can shape a future where every child thrives in a secure family.

### Protective Behaviours Workshops & Graduations

On 4 November, 12 parents and grandparents attended a Protective Behaviours workshop, reinforcing the same safety skills their children are learning at crèches. Together, they're building a safer, more supportive environment at home and in the community.

We also celebrated the Protective Behaviours graduations at the crèches and pre-schools we partnered with this year. It was inspiring to see how children and teachers embraced these essential safety lessons.

Every adult plays a vital role in protecting children—let's continue working together to help every child feel safe and reach their full potential.



### Farewell Sarah, Welcome Nasiphi!

At the end of October, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Sarah Govender, our dedicated Finance Assistant for the past 10 years. Sarah's unwavering faith, kindness, and strength have left a lasting impact on all of us at GCF. We are grateful for her service and wish her peace, joy, and many blessings in the next chapter of her journey.

We also warmly welcome Nasiphi Menziwa as GCF's new Bookkeeper! We're excited to have her on board and look forward to this new chapter together.

Thank you, Sarah, and welcome, Nasiphi!

### Join the GCF Christmas Hat Walk

Put on your Christmas hat and join us on 7 December for a festive walk in support of Give a Child a Family Africa.

**Walk in Person:** Meet us at Mac Banana from 09:00 to spread holiday cheer and support vulnerable children. The walk will start at 09:30. R50 for adults, children under 3 walk for free.

**Walk Virtually:** Join from anywhere! Share your photos and videos or go live with us on social media with #GCFChristmasHatWalk.

Your steps make a difference! Make a donation [here](#) with reference HAT WALK. We can share joy and walk for hope this holiday season!



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